



May 25, 2018

Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: USTelecom Ex Parte Notice, WC Dkt. No. 18-89, *Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 24, 2018, Jon Banks and I, representing USTelecom, met with Nirali Patel, Special Counsel to Chairman Pai. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the docket referenced above.<sup>1</sup>

Meeting participants discussed the state of supply chain risk analysis across the federal government. USTelecom noted that communications supply chain risk discussions very closely related to the issues set forth in the NPRM are currently taking place at the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Commerce, and in Congress. USTelecom supports, and seeks to work with, an ongoing federal risk management effort to identify supply chain risks and devise appropriate remedial measures; however USTelecom emphasized the importance of a whole of government strategy for any such effort. Accordingly, USTelecom urged the FCC to closely coordinate with its federal government counterparts as it develops and considers the record in this proceeding.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Mike Saperstein  
Vice President, Law & Policy

cc: Nirali Patel

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<sup>1</sup> *Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain Through FCC Programs*, WC Docket No. 18-89, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 18-42 (Apr. 18, 2018).